

BRICKS n' PIECES magazine

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- FREE LEGO Accessory Pack with orders £5 or over (while stocks last)

- See great new Explorians key ring

- Get 2 FREE pens with every Vector Rollerball ordered

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to the rescue!

"Lower the decoder Lieutenant. I think we've found where the Ikas breed their giant Bio-beetles."

It was 3200 AD. The space station Saturn 3 was on a secret mission, a million light years from Earth, docked on the darkest side of Planet Ika - home to the insect-eating Ika aliens.

"This is London! London calling Saturn 3. Come in please! We need your help - it's raining beetles here. The sky is black with Bio-beetles!"

Sure enough, the decoder picked out dozens of black Bio-beetles crawling in the lifeless dust. The Ikas were building a colony of the super-beetles to feed their hungry youngsters.

But the Bio-beetles could find no food on Planet Ika and were beginning to waste away.

Suddenly, there were loud noises from the hologram control panel.

"Captain King here. Put all 'Explorians' on full alert! We're heading home."

LASER QUEST COMPETITION

HEY! Check out this **sound competition** for all you Space Explorians.

WIN one of 25 parties for you and your mates

at **wacky Laser Quest centres** around the country.

500 runners-up will get **cool** LEGO baseball caps.

Pick up an entry form from local toy shops from March.

At the speed of light,
the 'Saturn 3'
spacecraft blasted off
into dust-filled space.

If you flip
this you can
build it!

Step 1

Clip N' Build

"Crew! Prepare the radio
telescope. Let's see what
we're up against."

It was time for drastic action.
The Earth was being invaded by
armies of black Bio-beetles.

As the Earth
drew nearer,
the extent
of the
damage
could be seen
through
Saturn 3's
optical
telescope.
The starving
beetles were
munching
their way
through
acres of
grass,
trees and
plantlife.
The Ikas
were trying
to fatten
them up.

"Lieutenant, Explorian Crusaders at the
ready! And prepare the Space Scout
vehicle for action! I'm going in there! The
only way to rid the Earth of Bio-beetles is
to beam them up into outer space."

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OPTICAL TELESCOPE

Will Captain King succeed? Will the Exploriens vaporise the Bio-beetles
and save the Earth's grasslands and rain forests?

Only YOU can discover what really happened by using the special
De-coding equipment in LEGO Explorians sets. Or make up your own
De-coder using cardboard with red and blue cellophane squares.

The answers are hidden in the panel below.

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So you want to know more about space

One of the best places to go to find out about space is Jodrell Bank near Holmes Chapel in Cheshire.

This is the home of the Lovell Telescope - the world's first giant radio telescope. It was built in the 1950's by Sir Bernard Lovell and today continues to explore deep space.

Radio telescopes work like satellite dishes as they collect radio waves in their huge curved 'bowls'. The radio waves come from stars and galaxies in space. We can also see these stars through optical telescopes because they give out light.

Receivers on radio telescopes 'tune' into the radio waves, then computers convert the signals into radio maps and pictures. By studying these pictures astronomers can explore the structures of the stars and galaxies and even the Universe itself!

Another way astronomers have of seeing into space is by launching telescopes which orbit high above the Earth. The Hubble Space Telescope, named after the astronomer Edwin Hubble, is one of these.

Hubble is an optical telescope that cost £1.3 billion to launch six years ago! Pictures of over 1,500 galaxies - 12 billion light years away - are now being sent back to Earth from Hubble.

If there IS life out there somewhere in the Universe, the journeys to find it would take years in the spacecraft we have today. If, on the other hand, someone finds a way to travel through time, 'Explorians' will be as real in the future as the space shuttle is today!

Did you know that...

Jodrell Bank has
143,000 visitors
every year. 60,000
of these are
children.

180 people work at Jodrell Bank including astronomers, engineers, lecturers and support staff.

The Earth is in the Milky Way galaxy



For details of opening times at Jodrell Bank Science Centre telephone 01477 571339.



Flip N'Build

Step 2



JODRELL BANK & COMPETITION

Win a trip to Jodrell Bank - and have lunch with an astronomer!

That's right! You could win 1st Prize of an all-expenses paid visit to Jodrell Bank Astronomy Centre in Cheshire.

There's so much to see - AND you'll be having lunch with a real astronomer!

Sounds out of this world? It is - and you'll also win a fantastic LEGO Explorien set.

Five runners-up will receive second prizes of LEGO Explorien Crusader sets (6856). There are also 20 third prizes of LEGO Explorien keyrings.

Just write your answers to the following questions on a postcard and send it marked "Jodrell Bank Competition" to the LEGO Club at the address below. (Don't forget to add your name, address and membership number).

1. Is the sun a planet or a star?
2. In which galaxy is the Earth?
3. Which planet was discovered 150 years ago this September?

Post your entry to:
Jodrell Bank Competition
The LEGO Club, LEGO UK Ltd, Ruthin Road,
Wrexham, Clwyd LL13 7TQ

Closing date: 30th April 1996.

Look out for National Astronomy Week

September 21st to 28th 1996 when you can see a total eclipse of the moon.

It also marks the 150th Anniversary of the discovery of the planet Neptune.

Space Tips

If you fancy yourself as a budding astronomer, here are a few tips to help you get started:

- Don't buy an expensive telescope to begin with. Instead, use a pair of good binoculars.
- Never look at the Sun through binoculars or a telescope.
- Start with observing a half-moon. Then move on to the stars!
- Find out from the local library where and when your nearest Astronomical Society meets - or contact Jodrell Bank on 01477 571339.

Quick Build HOVERCRAFT

Hey! Check out this great idea to build a sleek Hovercraft using pieces from the LEGO SYSTEM SHUTTLE Transcon 2 (6544) - or adapt it using similar pieces from your own collection.

It's easy - just follow the 6 steps! Should take you about 15 mins. Time yourself and good luck!



AVAILABLE

The evil Aquasharks have invaded our world with their Aquashark Sea Wolf - a sinister shark-like craft used to help them in their quest to steal the crystals from the Aquanauts.

Aquasharks are from Aquazone - the exciting underwater world created for you by the LEGO team.

Join the greatest high sea adventure with the Marauder - new to the LEGO Pirate range.

With her sails featuring skull and cross bones the Marauder strikes fear in to those unfortunate enough to cross her deadly path.

Look out for both of these exciting ranges in the shops now.



TOURING SHOWS

AQUAZONE

Birchwood, Warrington
30th March - 20th April

Emsleigh Centre,
Staines
27th April - 11th May

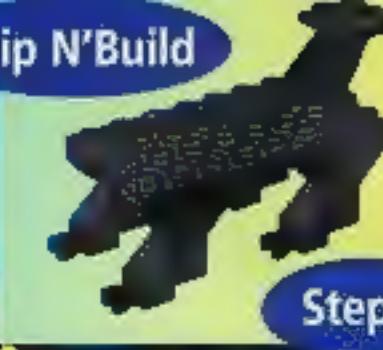
The Friary, Guildford
18th May - 8th June

Princes Quay, Hull
15th June - 29th June

- **Crazy Builders**
- Wolsey Place, Woking
19th April - 4th May
- Royal Priors,
Leamington Spa
15th May - 1st June
- Tower, Ballymena
7th June - 23rd June

• SHOWS ONLY OPEN DURING NORMAL SHOPPING HOURS. PLEASE CHECK WITH RELEVANT CENTRE BEFORE TRAVELLING

Flip N'Build



Step 3



WE'RE THE **BIGGEST** AND **BEST!**

HEY KIDS! The LEGO Club is the biggest and best - buzzing with crazy building fun and a **smart new logo**. Have you checked it out yet?

We've also introduced a great new slogan:
"It's so hot...it's cool!"

That's because the LEGO Club is the Club around - in fact we think it's so hot, that we want to let everyone in on the big secret!

You'll spot our new LEGO Club logo and slogan in every issue of Bricks n' Pieces. You'll see them in the VIP Club area when you visit the new LEGOLAND Windsor (more about this in our next issue).

Now everyone is going to want to join the LEGO Club. But there's just one rule - only really **cool kids** can become members. And you're OK...you're already a member! You don't have to do anything.

As a member of the LEGO Club you'll now get - not 3 - but 5 mean mags winging their way to you over the year. You'll go **wild** over the

HOT NEWS **HOT TIPS** **HOT COMPETITIONS** plus stacks more!

We'll let you know when it's time to renew your membership - and then we'll send you a really smart re-joining pack plus your new membership card for senior Club members.

The LEGO Club is the biggest and best. We want it to stay that way. So send us all your wild and wacky ideas and tell us what's goin' down.

IT'S COOL!

And don't forget... **stay cool** - and keep building!

Well done to all of you whose models are seen below - you all win Golden Brick Awards. It's a pity we can't show them all, 'cos you've got some great ideas - keep on building!

Send a photo of your
LEGO Model to:

Jonathan Bentley,
aged 6½, from
Birmingham
(Membership No.
144768) has built this
smart soldier -
he's nearly as big as
you, Jonathan!

At last! Mossie's found a play mate - his name is 'Loch LEGG' and was built by Paul Rustidge, aged 11 from Essex. (Membership No. 64685)

REMEMBER TO
INCLUDE

Here's a model
of a famous disaster -
the sinking of S. S. *Titanic*
by Oliver Mitchell,
aged 9 from Bolton
Membership No. 13400
He's even included

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER
AND MODEL NAME.
PICTURES CANNOT
BE RETURNED

(Membership No. 142617)
has built a Ferrari Formula 1
car - it even has a working
engine and rear wheel drive -
even the Space Police
couldn't catch you
in this!

Benjamin Engel,
aged 7 from Sussex
has built a mean
machine - it's called
'Police Alert'. Watch out
for the canon on
the back!

What a
great model of a
Gallimimus, just like
Lewie Porter, who's 9
from Sussex.
(Membership No.
41563)

Nell Adams,
from Essex has
built this super fast
racing car.
We love the colour
Nell!

Fancy going
for a ride on this?
It's 'HOVERSPEED 4'
and it was built by
Christopher Bowden
who's 8 from
Hereford.

Guess the number
of LEGO bricks it took to
build Greg Mitchell's helicopter
called 'STAR' - that's what his
school mates had to do. They
raised £6 for the BBC Children
In Need Appeal - well done!
Greg is aged 11 from Glasgow
(Membership No. 4122)

Another
Golden Brick goes
to Maestair Slogart,
who's 8 from Berkshire
(Membership No. 52720)
We think your LEGO
violin is a great idea -
keep on practising!
Alastair!

Christopher Daley,
who's 7 from Blackpool
(Membership No. 164025)
has built this super
'amphibian' model which
means it can work in or
out of the water!
Gwen isn't her
first isn't she?

The 'W-TRON'
ROBO-COP is on the
move - so watch out!
It's awesome!
Jonathan King, aged 9
from Suffolk
(Membership No.
87700)

Alasdair Bulmer,
from Bolton
(Membership No.
2011) has built his
'Black Knight' model
- SPOOKY!!

Adventures in Space

LAUNCH
COMMAND,
THE SHUTTLE IS IN
FINAL LAUNCH
POSITION.



LAUNCH COMMAND, I'M
GOING DOWN TO MISSION
CONTROL. I WANT A FRONT
ROW SEAT FOR
THIS LAUNCH.

ATTENTION: BE ON THE
LOOKOUT FOR JAILBREAK
JOE! HE MIGHT TRY TO
GUM UP THIS LAUNCH.

HOW
TRUE -
HEH! HEH!

WOW!
WHAT A
SUPER
SPECTACULAR
LIFTOFF!

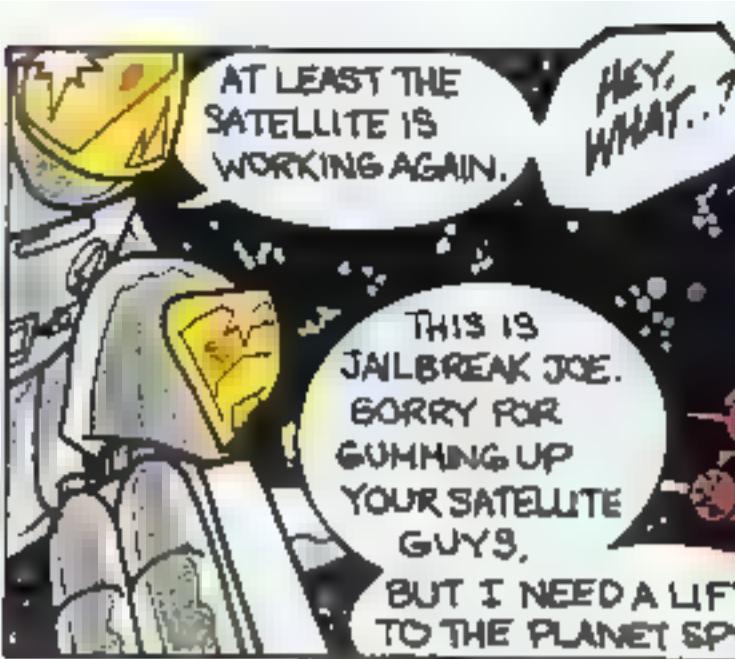
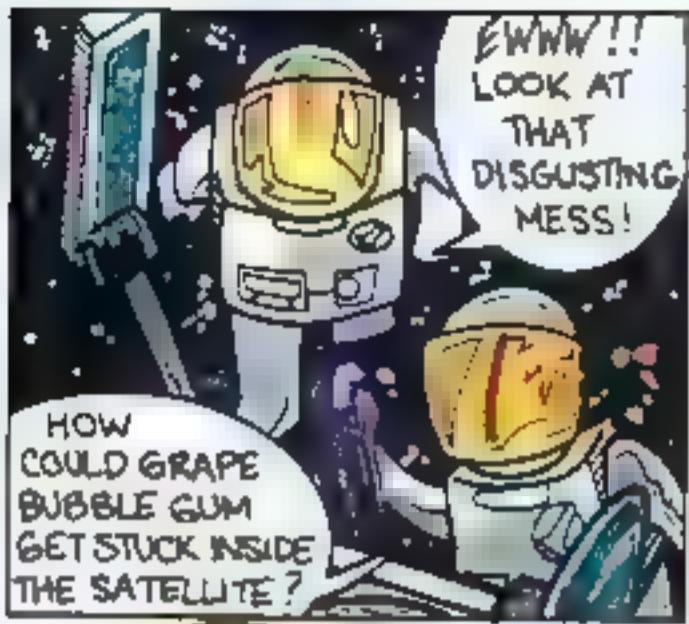
GREAT JOB,
LAUNCH COMMAND.
THE VIEW FROM
HERE IS FANTASTIC.

WE'RE
ACTIVATING
THE CANADIAN
ARM TO
DEPLOY THE
COMMUNICATIONS
SATELLITE.



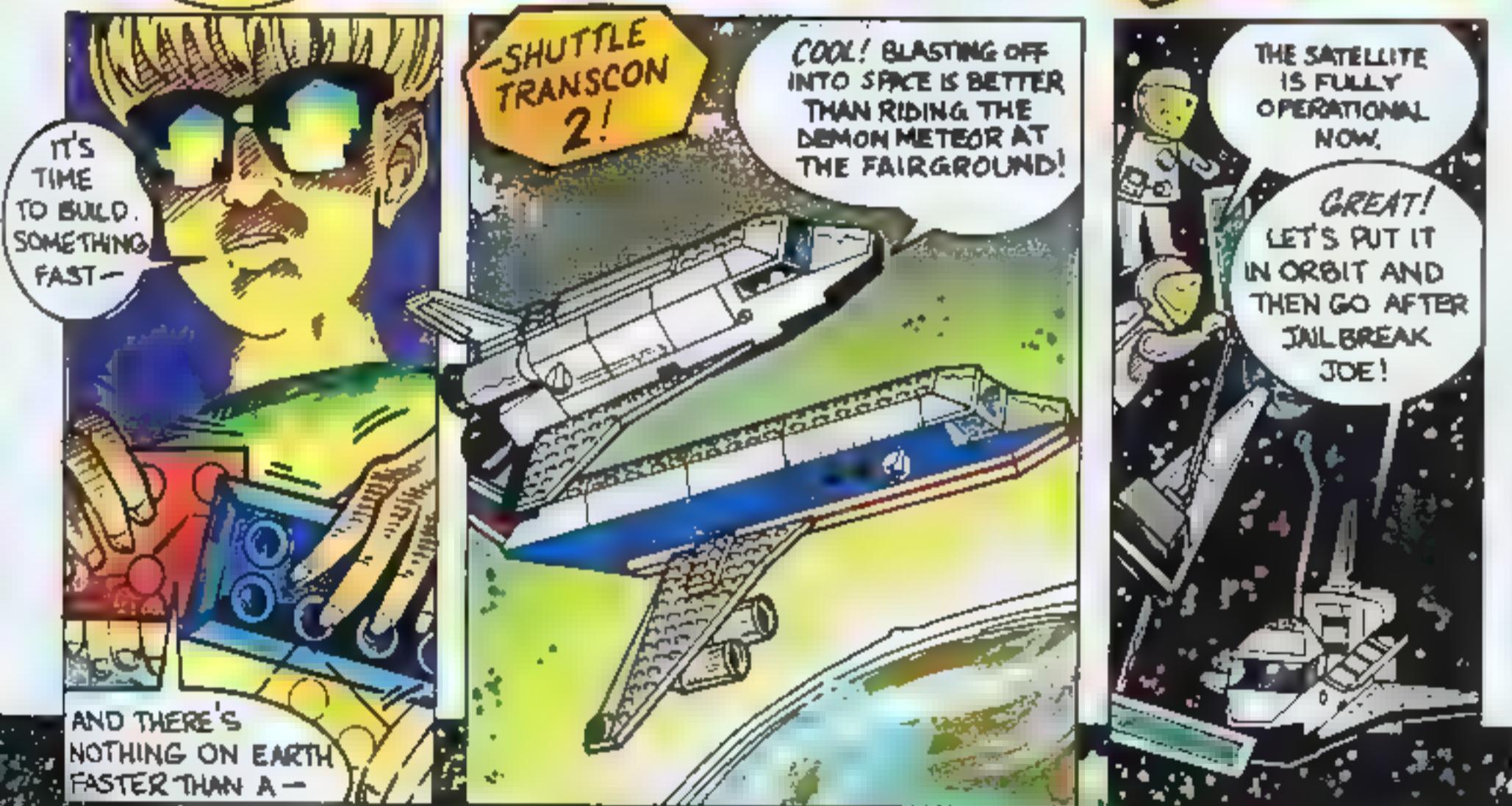
LAUNCH
COMMAND, THERE'S
A PROBLEM WITH
THE SATELLITE.

WE'RE GOING
OUT TO TAKE
A LOOK.



Flip N'Build

Step 4



DARE YOU
ENTER?

LEGO
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LEGO TECHNIC

LEGO TECHNIC Starter Sets are
here in the shops now.

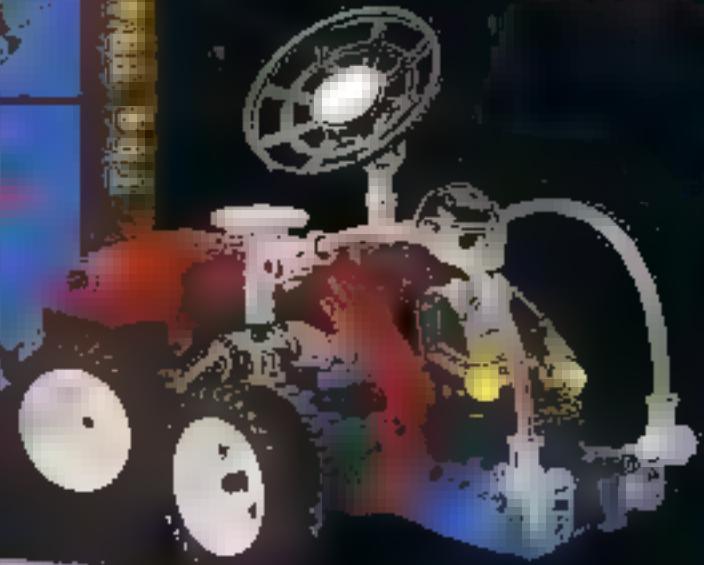
The Hawaiian Beach Racer (8207)
can be motorised using set number 8720.

The Transformator Set (8244) builds up into 9 different
models, including a trike, sports car and snow scooter.

The Powerboat Columbia (8223) is propeller-driven
via a gear ratio. It also builds into a light helicopter and
can be motorised - again with set 8720.

Look out for other LEGO Technic Starter Sets
in the shops.

The LEGO Technic range has so many ways to
boldly go ...



READY FOR THIS?

WIN

A LEGO
TECHNIC FOOTBALL
WITH LEGO TECHNIC STARTER SETS

1000 FREE TECHNIC Footballs
to be won!

Keep a look out for the new
LEGO TECHNIC Starter Sets
available in the shops! For
this is your chance to win one
of 1000 LEGO TECHNIC footballs!

Technic

Winning tokens can be found
in selected LEGO TECHNIC
Starter Sets. See inside.



Hold on tight to
your seats for
the adventure of
a lifetime - this is
your chance to
enter the LEGO
TECHNIC Zogel!

If you're a sound
LEGO brick builder,
you'll enjoy the
challenge of LEGO
TECHNIC sets. There
are models for every
mission and a chance
to design your own
creations too.

FROM LEGOLAND WINDSOR



A WALK in the PARK

A special report by Tom Koller



LEGO Club Reporter Tom Koller visited LEGOLAND Windsor for a sneak preview before it opened.

LEGOLAND

IN WINDSOR

"Hi gang! Well, this is the place we've all been waiting for. Lots has happened since I last visited the Park - and it sounds really cool! Can't wait to get inside..."

Tom, who is 10 and lives in Dawlish, Devon, let his imagination run wild when he spent a whole day at the new theme park.

He explored the park from top to bottom, saw more LEGO bricks than he's ever dreamed of and did some really cool things. What's more, he picked up lots of crazy building ideas to try out at home.

Tom first visited LEGOLAND Windsor a year ago when things were just beginning. A lot has happened since then.

Here, he lets you in on the BIG SECRET and shares some of the surprises with you...

LEGOLAND
WINDSOR



WHAT
WOULD YOU
BUILD WITH

25,000,000

LEGO
LEGOLAND
WINDSOR



Thousands of lucky
LEGO Club members had
a special preview of the
New LEGOLAND Windsor
Theme Park shortly
before it opened. Here's
how they celebrated...

Full steam ahead!
See LEGOLAND
by train.

PIRATE
CAMP FIRE

Done to a turn!

Where do
we begin?

LEGOLAND

Take a
spin
under this
giant
spider!

HEY KIDS! BRR! What a
cold day to visit LEGOLAND Windsor! We
bet your teeth were chattering. BUT HEY!
Look at all those cool dudes!

It's a wild place - over 25 million LEGO bricks
and thousands of LEGO models. Rides, shows,
building workshops ... oh! and Miniland,
with 800 model buildings and 700
trains, cars, ships, cranes and tiny
people. Cool, huh?

My Town is smart - there's a clown
stunt show in the harbour. You can
learn real tricks in the Magic Theatre
and ride the high wire in Brickadilly's Circus.

"Hang in there!"



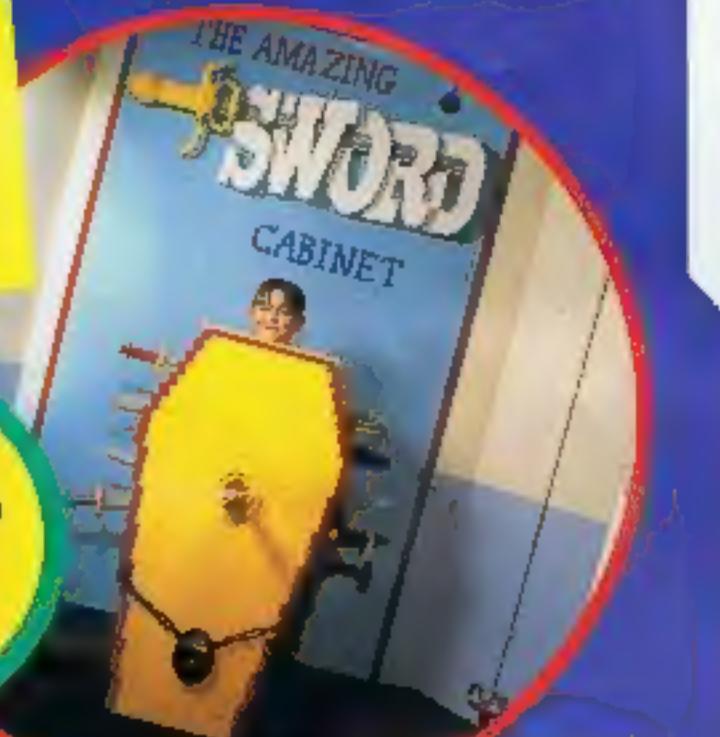
"This is me in the Rat Trap - ain't no way you'll find me in this jungle of scramble nets and chutes. It's so much fun. I think I'll stay here for the rest of the day..."

"On to MY TOWN, past the station and the Mayor standing on the Town Hall steps. And here's the Magic Theatre. Wow!"

"The Pirate Falls are scary - don't look over your shoulder 'cos you never know what you'll find!"

"Aaah! Help! This may be the Amazing Sword Cabinet"

"but I'm not taking any chances! Get me out of here..."



"Last stop - the TECHNIC Garage."

"Here, you can learn about engines, throttles, gears, brakes and clutches. I'm in training to be world motor racing champion. What a monster mean machine! Does it suit me?"

"Well, that's all for now. But there's lots more to see - more than I had time to visit!"

"There's Brickadilly's Circus and Fairground - where you can ride on the high wire. And the LEGO Driving School - learn to drive and get your own license. Cool, eh?"



"Phew! I'm exhausted - what a day! LEGOLAND is definitely the place to be. It opens on 28th March - so get down to Windsor - fast!"

Your Flip N'Build Dragon is complete!

WACKY WINNERS

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The winners and winning slogans are:

- 1 Sarah Newland, Kent.
"I think LEGO kids wear is cool because it's hot for kids."
- 2 Thomas Beck, London.
"I think LEGO kids wear is cool because - when it comes to fashion, LEGO kids wear is my passion."

LEGOLAND Competition

James Haworth, of Manchester, is the winner of the LEGOLAND Competition with the following answers:

- 1 15 years
- 2 Edinburgh Castle
- 3 Maersk Air
- 4 The Thames
- 5 1985

James wins two great prizes - an all expenses paid trip to LEGOLAND in Denmark and a visit to the new LEGOLAND Windsor, which opens at the end of March. He will be taking his family with him on both trips. Well done James!

Trips to LEGOLAND Denmark and LEGOLAND Windsor are available through Specialised Tours. For details on short breaks available, ring 01342 712785

Don't forget! LEGO Club Members can visit the LEGOLAND Park at Windsor for a special entry price of £10.00 when they pre-book (£2.00 off normal price)

